



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of Earl et al

Application No. 10/612,014

Filed: July 3, 2003

For: **Nitrosated Nonsteroidal Antiinflammatory Compounds, Compositions and Methods of Use**

Docket: 102258.156

Commissioner for Patents
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Request for Reconsideration under 37 CFR § 1.111

This Request for Reconsideration is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated February 3, 2004.

Correct Art Unit

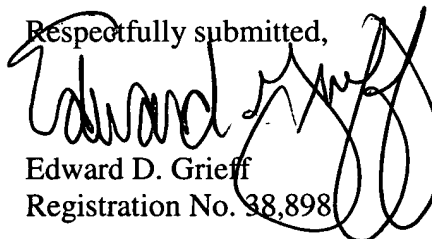
Applicants respectfully request that the present application be transferred to the appropriate art unit. The office action issued in this case is clearly unrelated to the present application.

Rejection of Claims

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 USC § 103 as being obvious over Amdahl in view of Burton (US 6,244,735). Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 USC § 103 as being obvious over Burton (US 6,113,301) in view of Burton (US 6,244,735)

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections. The cited references, which are directed to ball-and-socket joints, are wholly unrelated to the subject matter of the present application. The present application is directed to nitrosated nonsteroidal antiinflammatory compounds, compositions and methods of use. The pending claims are unobvious over the cited references, and Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under § 103 be withdrawn.

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